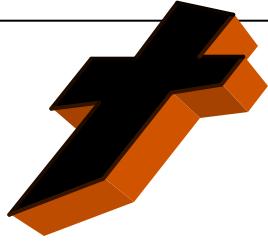


LIFETIMES



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*Turning over a new leaf or seeking a new life?
{ Jesus or "me" in 2003? }*



Many pro-lifers, even born again pro-lifers are trying to change the minds of non-believers, while neglecting the need for a heart change.

No amount of teaching about the sanctity of life, the sacredness of marriage, and the security of chastity **will convert the sinful heart.**

Man doesn't need to turn over a new leaf. **Man needs a new life.** I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. (John 10:10)

Teaching about the sanctity of life, using graphic visuals, performing sonograms – all are important, and we'll continue to do them in 2003. But, more importantly is presenting the gospel message – **the need to be born again by faith and not by works.** This is Gateway's challenge in 2003.

The notes in the NASV of the Open Bible (p. 1116 and 1117) put it best: "Man, not willing to accept God's remedy for his ruin, strives to bring about his own salvation by human means:

- (1) He strives for self-righteousness, when he needs to be made the 'righteousness of God' (2 Cor, 5:21)
- (2) He strives to reform, when he needs to be regenerated (Titus 3:5)
- (3) He strives to **turn over a new leaf, when he needs a new life**
- (4) He strives to be justified by the Law when he needs to be justified by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Galatians 2:16)
- (5) He strives to clean up the old man, when he needs to be made a new man in Christ (Ephesians 4:24)
- (6) He strives to be saved by good works, when he needs salvation by the grace of God (Eph. 2:8-9)

The only remedy for the ruin of man is the Son of God, being made sin for us on the cross. The only way to receive this remedy is by faith in Him as personal Savior."

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Messiah College students training under the leadership of Rev. Michael Westbrook (Young Life) visit Gateway-Irvington: October 16, 2002

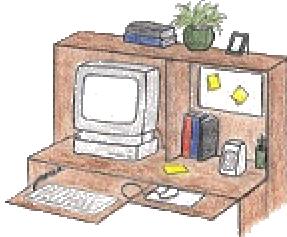


Our recent volunteer training class: October 2002

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...from the Director's Desk



Rev. Dean Gavaris

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'A new leaf or a new life?'

Humility is defined as the ability to understand ones position before God. We are building His **kingdom**, not our ministry. We are seeking the **salvation** of others, not 'trophies' for our own glory. We are **ambassadors** for Christ, not self-sent activists (2 Cor. 5:20) We attempt to change hearts, not behavior. We **bring the need** for Christ to the individual heart, not the demands of Christian living to a non-Christian society. We **allow Jesus** to **transform** lives, rather than impose reform on society (@ Cor. 7:10).

Although sharing the pro-life message is part of Christian discipleship, it is not the message of the Gospel. **The gospel (good news) is that Jesus saves**, not that we are to save babies. It's all about focus. If our focus is to bring Jesus to the lost, we have an **eternal ministry**; if our focus is only to change minds and hearts on abortion, we have a temporal focus and an impossible task. **Only the Holy Spirit can change a heart.**

Gateway challenges men and women to **commit their hearts and lives to a person** (Jesus Christ) not to a change in behavior. Turning over a new leaf can never compare to **turning over ones life to the God who made them and loves them and is willing to forgive them.**

What is your focus in ministry for 2003 – **reformation or transformation?** If it's the later, **join us** at Gateway as we bring the gospel of **eternal life** to hearts prepared by a loving God.



E-MAIL MINISTRY

Cherrie, from Belleville, NJ writes ‘I am a tourist and I’ve been here for 6 months in the US. I met this guy .. and we were having this relationship for quite sometime but without commitment because he has a girlfriend and I also have a boyfriend. I’m scared .. he doesn’t want to do anything with the baby. I don’t want this baby either because I’m not married and it’s so embarrassing for me when people back at my country will tell me that my children are international. I’m still young. This guy is starting to stay away from me and ignoring my calls. Thank you so much for hearing me!’

Precious writes, “Do you provide free ultrasounds? I am undecided on what to do and I saw your web page. I am about 7 weeks pregnant. Please let me know before I make a wrong choice. Thank you.”



We try to share the gospel with everyone. This video is used in our waiting room in Irvington.



Speaking about her preacher father, **Dr. LaVerne Tolbert**, writes:

“Because we were small, losing a member was major. Perhaps the biggest exodus came when one of the single women in our church had become pregnant. The newly converted swallowed in righteous indignation. They demanded that my father throw this young woman out of the church. His calm response came in the form of a question: “Why would I throw her out now when she needs us the most?” Dad’s sensitive, compassionate ability to embrace those who were suffering emanated from his own life so overshadowed with pain and disappointment. Like Jesus, my father chose understanding rather than condemnation. My dad’s passion was to see his members “set free.”

from **Teaching Like Jesus: A Practical Guide to Christian Education in Your Church** by Dr. La Verne Tolbert



NJ Christian Ministries Convention: October 26, 2002 – Training youth leaders on the subject “How to teach chastity to youth”

...not just statistics

January through December 2002,

Gateway has seen:

**716 women, 48 coming to Christ
88 babies born**

Since 1985, the two centers (Elizabeth and Irvington) have seen:
**17,008 women, 802 coming to Christ,
and 1,443 babies born**

and each year since the late 1990's we've counseled over 300 annually via our Internet ministry!

Praise the Lord

Please keep praying for the ministry

Where we've been ...

- 4 Church services (Sanctity of Life Sunday)
- 3 Youth group messages
- 3 Trainings: Teaching chastity to youth
- 3 Volunteer trainings
- 3 Radio presentations of the ministry
- 3 College youth, Inter Varsity and Young Life visits to Gateway
- 2 Church Sunday School presentations
- 1 Seniors groups



REAL-LIFE

STORIES

Sherry, age 15 came to Gateway with her mom. Sherry stated that she believed abortion was “killing” yet her mom expressed feelings of not wanting the responsibility of raising the child. We shared with both the effects of abortion upon a family. Both were non-committal. The following month we did a sonogram on Sherry with mom present. Both seemed happy, yet there was no response from them for five months! In late November 2002 we reached Sherry by telephone. She told us that on November 11th. baby Naseane was born at 3lbs. 15oz.

Harriet, age 40 and a born-again believer was a ‘divine appointment’. She ‘by chance’ came upon Gateway while looking for the abortionist’s office. As Joan was speaking to her, Harriet began to cry, repenting of her thought of getting an abortion. She told Joan that she had prayed the night before “Lord, if you do not want me to have this abortion, then please do something” .. and He surely did! Harriet saw the video “The Wonder of Life” The following week she returned for a sonogram. Her baby is due June 2003. Praise the Lord!

Next Volunteer Training Dates Scheduled!

January 23, 25, 30 and February 1, 2003
Are you interested? Call Dean at
973-399-8378

*In Loving Memory to our dear brother in Christ
Andy Andersen (WMCA Radio)*



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PICTURE GALLERY

**Scenes from
Banquet 2002**



October 10, 2002

Rev. Michael Westbrook,
Gateway's Board
chairman, challenges us
to be faithful in ministry

(above) Rev. Sharon
Dean ministers in song



(above left) Irene Johnson
shares about leading a
woman to the Lord at
Gateway Pregnancy
Centers

(above right) Ursula,
Irene, Marisol, Violet,
and Joan all share about
the work (lower left)
Marisol relates an
experience with a Spanish
speaking woman



Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
from all of us at
Gateway Pregnancy
Centers

Ny-Asia smiles at her future,
thanks to Gateway!

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(top) Sonogram of Yisell and John's
baby, taken at Gateway-Elizabeth
in Jan. '02 (bottom) Yisell and
boyfriend John flank John's mom at
baby shower given by a local
church and Gateway